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## Grand Teton National Park News Release

### **SCOPING PERIOD BEGINS ON ADAPTIVE REUSE OF LUCAS/FABIAN PROPERTY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

Grand Teton National Park initiated today the public scoping process on a proposal to adaptively reuse the Geraldine Lucas Homestead/Fabian Place Historic District (Lucas/Fabian Property) as a center for an Artist-In-Residence (AIR) program in the park. The Lucas/Fabian Property is located along Cottonwood Creek, 4½ miles north of the Moose Visitor Center between the Taggart Lake Trailhead and Lupine Meadows Junction. Public comments on issues, alternatives, concerns and other considerations regarding this proposal must be received by October 31, 2003.

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1998, the Lucas/Fabian Property consists of four cabins, a storage shed, garage, pump house, outhouse and powerhouse. In recent years, volunteers have completed work to preserve portions of these buildings such as roofs, porches, chinking and masonry.

The adaptive reuse plan proposes to utilize the Lucas/Fabian buildings, seasonally, for artists who participate in the park's AIR program. Currently, 27 parks throughout the National Park System offer AIR programs, providing opportunities for visual artists, photographers, sculptors, craft artists, writers, composers, and performers to live and work in national parks while they pursue artistic expression through a range of creative mediums.

A scoping brochure is available with information about the project background, purpose and need, preliminary alternatives, preliminary resource considerations, and proposed timeline for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Interested individuals, organizations or agencies are invited to provide relevant information or suggestions for consideration by park managers before a draft environmental assessment is written and made available for public review in the spring of 2004.

Copies of the scoping brochure are available at the Moose Visitor Center and at the Reference Desk in the Teton County Library. Documents are also posted online at [www.nps.gov/grte/plans/planning.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grte/plans/planning.htm). For further information, please contact resource planner Sheri Fedorchak at (307) 739-3465.

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